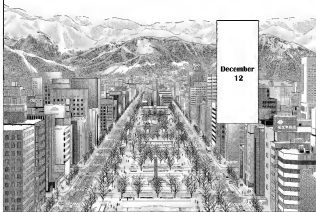


Credit 143: From Kami to Nabe





December
12



WATANABE-
SAN.



WHY DID HE
SAY, "DON'T
YOU DARE BE
LATE"?



IS THERE
SOMETHING
SIGNIFICANT
ABOUT THREE
O'CLOCK?



MEETING
AT 3:00
PM?



I'M
CURIOUS
NOW...











IN CHINA,
 $9 = 3 \times 3$ IS
CONSIDERED
TO BE THE
LUCKIEST
NUMBER.

$$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

ADDING THE
1 AND 2 OF
THE TWELFTH
DAY OF THE
TWELFTH
MONTH GIVES
YOU TWO 3S.
AND WHEN IT'S
3:03, FOUR
3S LINE UP.

$81 = 9 \times 9$
ALSO
SIGNIFIES
ETERNITY.

$$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$$

IT'S SAID
THAT PEOPLE
BORN ON THE
NINTH DAY OF
THE NINTH
MONTH WILL
BE HAPPY.

I DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT.

WOW...
REALLY?

I SEE...

IT MEANS THAT
DECEMBER 12 AT
3:03 IS FILLED
WITH THE WISH
FOR THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB TO
PROSPER.

RYUGORO?

WHAT?

BY THE WAY,
IT'S SAID THAT
THE FIRST-
GENERATION
CAPTAIN WAS
THE ONE WHO
STARTED THIS
TRADITION.

I AGREE.

IT'S A RITUAL
THAT'S BEEN
OBSERVED FOR
130 YEARS. WE
HAVE TO HAND
DOWN THE
TRADITION.

...THE
TRADITION
RYUGORO
INVENTED.
WHAT A
STRANGE
FATE.

I SEE...
IN OTHER
WORDS, IN
ANOTHER FIVE
YEARS, I'M
GOING TO
INHERIT...



IT WAS
SUFFICIENT.
WHAT MORE
WAS THERE
TO DO?



BUT FOR A
SUCCESSION
CEREMONY,
THAT WAS
QUITE PLAIN.



YOU
KNOW,
GIVE SOME
CONCRETE
ADVICE,
STUFF LIKE
THAT...

YOU SAID
"IT'S IN
YOUR
HANDS,"
AND THAT
WAS IT.



ISN'T IT
NECESSARY
TO CONFER
SECRET
TEACHINGS OR
SOMETHING
SO THAT HE
WON'T MAKE
FAILED
INVESTMENTS?

AFTER ALL,
HE'S THE
SUCCESSOR
TO MANAGE
A FUND OF
300 BILLION
YEN.



I'VE GOT
NO SECRET
TEACHINGS
TO CONFER.



I BET
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
GOING
TO DO.

OR MAYBE
YOU'RE
GOING TO
TEACH HIM
IN PRIVATE
LATER.





YOU
THINK
SO?



I THINK
KAMISHIRO-
SAN WILL
CONTINUE
COMING TO
THE ROOM
EVERY DAY,
AS USUAL.



LAST YEAR,
KOYAMA-SAN
CAME TO THE
ROOM EVEN
THE DAY
BEFORE
ENTRANCE
EXAMS, AND
PLAYED
MAHJONG.

EVERY-
BODY
ELSE
HAS
DONE
THAT,
TOO.



JUST
BECAUSE
ROLES HAVE
SWITCHED
DOESN'T MEAN
ANYTHING
ELSE WILL
CHANGE.

KOYAMA-
SAN?
I SEE...



IT'S A
MYSTERY.
EVERYBODY
IN DOJUKU
IS CURIOUS
ABOUT IT.



SPEAKING
OF ENTRANCE
EXAMS, WHERE'S
KAMISHIRO-SAN
PLANNING
TO GO?







MORN-ING.



OH,
GOOD
MORN-ING.



WHAT?

YOU'VE GOT
STAINS ON
YOUR DESK
FROM
SPILLED
DRINKS.



I'M
SORRY.

REFILL
THE EMPTY
CONTAINERS
AFTER
YOU'VE
EATEN
THEM UP!



SLOPPY
GUYS CAN'T
MAKE GOOD
INVEST-
MENTS!

WIPE IT
CLEAN,
DAILY.



AND THE
SNACKS
IN THE
FRIDGE!

R-
RIGHT.



AS A
RESULT,
IT'S GOING
TO BE A
NERVOUS
TWO OR
THREE
DAYS.

NEW YORK
DROPPED
AGAIN
YESTERDAY!



HAVE
A SOLID
UNDER-
STANDING
OF PAST
DATA!

DON'T MAKE
ERRONEOUS
JUDGMENTS!



EVERYBODY
STAY
FOCUSED,
CONCENTRATE,
AND GET TO
WORK!



TOKYO ISN'T
EVERYTHING.
DON'T
IGNORE
EUROPE
AND ASIA!



WE'LL
PROFIT,
NO
MATTER
WHAT!

THE
NUMBERS
ARE GOING
TO CLIMB,
AS LONG
AS I'M THE
CAPTAIN!



YES!

DO
YOU
HEAR
ME?



SEE
YOU
TOMOR-
ROW.

SEE YA.



HE'S
PETTY,
TO
BOOT.

HE EVEN
INSTRUCTS
US ON
HOW TO
USE THE
BATHROOM.
HE NEEDS
TO STOP.



REN-SAN,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF
NABE-SAN?



I THINK HE
NEEDS TO
LIGHTEN UP.



FRANKLY..
I FIND HIM
ANNOYING.

CAPTAIN
NABE...



YEAH..
I GUESS
THERE'S
NO
CHOICE.



WE
SIMPLY
HAVE TO
ACCEPT
HIM FOR
WHO HE
IS.

THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN
DO
ABOUT IT.



I KNOW,
RIGHT?



BUT I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
WHETHER WE
CAN ENDURE
THE HIGH
TENSION HE
CREATES FOR
A WHOLE
YEAR.



..HE
MIGHT GET
SCARY IF
IT STARTS
TO DIP..



HE'LL
PROBABLY
BE OKAY
WHEN OUR
CAPITAL
INCREASES,
BUT..



And
then, the
next day

